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TAGS: MASS, YE, TC, US, JO, PGOV

SUBJ: VISIT OF YEMENI OFFICIAL TO UAE AND SAUDI ARABIA CANCELLED,  
NO CHANGE IN YARG COMPOSITION

DEPARTMENT PASS CINCEUR

REF: SANAA 2465; ABU DHABI 5 (BOTH NOTAL)

1. PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER NU'MAN, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED, TOLD ME JANUARY 9 VISIT OF CPO HEAD DR. IRYANI TO SAUDI ARABIA AND ABU DHABI IS OFF FOR TIME BEING. AFTER RECEIVING MESSAGE THROUGH US (ABU DHABI REFTEL) THAT SHAIKH ZAYID STILL IN ABU DHABI, IRYANI HAD PREPARED TO LEAVE JANUARY 7. NU'MAN, HOWEVER, PASSING THROUGH JIDDA HAD FOUND OUT PRINCE SULTAN WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS SAG MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR AT LEAST FIVE DAYS AND HAD THEREFORE RECOMMENDED IRYANI POSTPONE ENTIRE TRIP.

2. NU'MAN, AS WE DO (SANAA REFTEL), DOES NOT BELIEVE PIECE-MEAL REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE ARE WISE COURSE FOR YEMEN TO FOLLOW. MORE IMPORTANTLY, WITH ARAB OIL STATES PREOCCUPIED WITH MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT AND PETROLEUM POLICY, HE DOES NOT BELIEVE YEMEN'S NEEDS WILL BE GIVEN REQUISITE ATTENTION

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UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. RECALL OF AMBASSADORS (SANAA 2462) FOR CONSULTATION HAS NOW BEEN EXPANDED TO INCLUDE ALL YAR AMBASSADORS (INCLUDING AMB TO UAE QUBATI WHO DUE ARRIVE HERE IN TWO DAYS). THEY ARE TO PARTICIPATE IN "NATIONAL DEBATE" UNDER AUSPICES YAR POLITICAL PARTY (YEMENI UNION) TO AGREE ON GENERAL LINES OF YARG POLICY FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE. ACCORDING NU'MAN, DETERMINATION HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE THAT PRESENT GOVERNMENT WILL REMAIN IN OFFICE (OTHER RELIABLE SOURCES TELL US THAT IT UNLIKELY EX-PRIMIN AYNI WILL RECEIVE ANY MAJOR POST AND WILL PROBABLY RETURN TO LONDON IN 10-14 DAYS). NU'MAN ALSO EXPECTS MEETING WILL REFLECT SEVERE DISAPPOINTMENT WITH YAR'S RICHER NEIGHBORS WHO, IT FEELS, ARE BOTH NEGLECTING IT AND HARMING IT BY GREATLY INCREASING PRICE OF YEMEN'S PETROLEUM IMPORTS (SANAA IS SUFFERING SHORTAGE OF BOTH GASOLINE AND DIESEL OIL FOR ITS POWER STATION. SUDDEN JUMP OF GASOLINE FROM 50 CENTS TO 82 CENTS GALLON HAS PARTICULARLY CAUSED RESENTMENT AGAINST OIL PRODUCERS).

4. NU'MAN EXPECTS DECISION TO RETAIN HAJRI WILL HELP CALM SAG UNEASE ABOUT RECENT MOVES TOWARDS RAPPROACHMENT WITH PDRY. ONCE THIS SETTLED, HE WILL RECOMMEND COMPREHENSIVE AID NEGOTIATIONS WITH BOTH SAG AND UAEG TO COVER BOTH ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE. HE IS AWARE POSSIBILITY THIS MAY HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER FEB 22 ISLAMIC CONFERENCE IN PAKISTAN IN VIEW SHAIKH ZAYID'S IMMINENT DEPARTURE.

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